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The Kingston Guardian is launching a campaign to keep the Kingston in Kingstonian by supporting fans who want to keep the football club within borough boundaries.

The club, founded 130 years ago this autumn have played at Kingsmeadow stadium in Kingston for the past 25 years.

But this set up has come under threat following a decision by AFC Wimbledon bosses to sell the stadium and go back to their roots by building a new ground in Merton.

Although the Dons were unable to confirm whether Kingstonian's relocation within the borough has featured in ongoing negotiations with Premier League giants Chelsea, they have pledged to help the Ks.

A spokesman said: "Wimbledon will be making a substantial donation to Kingstonian and are also

providing practical assistance to help Ks to achieve their objective."

Lifelong Kingstonian fan Jamie Cutteridge launched an online petition on Kingston Council's website after learning about plans to sell off Kingsmeadow.

The petition currently has more than 300 signatures and the Kingston Guardian is proud to say several of these are members of the newspaper's staff. It needs 500 signatures to be discussed at full council.

The petition asks the council to uphold a 1989 covenant on the ground which states it should be used for the senior football team in Kingston - Kingstonian.

The campaign has political support from Kingston and Surbiton MP James Berry.

He said: "Whether it is at Kingsmeadow or elsewhere, we have to keep Kingstonian in the borough. They are a local institution."

Kingstonian fan and Councillor Jon Tolley said: "How will we survive if we don't even have a ground? That's the real problem.

"If the council decided that they want to help Kingstonian then that's cool - there have been a few conversations about how Kingstonian can continue to exist.

"But there's only so much they [the council] can do, there is a lot of willingness to make something happen, but it is a case of whether there is even any land. If there is not any land to build a new ground on then there is very little they can do."

Kingstonian have used Kingsmeadow rent free for the past decade. In light of this, a statement on the club's website earlier this year admitted a move to a new location would suit it best should Chelsea take over the ground.

A spokesman from Chelsea said any further news would be announced directly on the club's website.

Council leader Kevin Davis is set to meet Kingstonian representatives in the next few weeks to discuss plans to keep the Ks.

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Mr Davey was the Liberal Democrat MP for Kingston and Surbiton for 18 years before he lost his seat along with former Cabinet colleague Vince Cable who served in the neighbouring Twickenham constituency.

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# 'Forest' of cannabis plants is discovered by police

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It could have been a very green Christmas this year as police officers discovered a forest of herbal cannabis plants complete with a gazebo just a stone's throw away from Berrylands station.

Officers from Kingston found the display of gardening expertise growing on Thames Water land in Lower Marsh Lane close to the Hogsmill Sewage Treatment Works after it was reported to them via an employee on patrol.

Taking up an area the size of a football pitch, more than 150 plants worth hundreds of pounds – some more than 5ft tall – were found on Thursday, September 24 just after 11.30am.

Police described the plants as a "small forest of Christmas trees".

PC Sarah Henderson added: "Whoever set this up used a really



Discovery: The cannabis forest, complete with gazebo

Picture: Kingston police

remote spot, the only way to get there was a 20-minute walk through wasteland.

"But all their time, trouble and gardening skills will go unrewarded, as the whole lots will now be destroyed by police."

Social media users were quick to comment.

One Twitter user said: "They

[police] found a forest of marijuana in London and they're getting rid of all of it... what."

Another said: "Only in Surbiton would police find a cannabis farm with its own gazebo."

Someone else asked: "So if a tree falls in this forest, does it just fall down and chill?"

A writer joked: "Cannabis forest

in Kingston! My stomping ground, the area in which I set my first mystery novel. Agatha would be gravely disturbed."

Meanwhile another Twitter user described the land as the "cultural centre of London" and another said he had always wondered about the smell in Berrylands.

No arrests have been made and enquiries are ongoing.

A Thames Water spokesman confirmed the cannabis had been found on overgrown Thames Water land around half a mile from the main sewage works.

He added: "We are fully co-operating with the police investigation."

Anyone with information about the cultivation of these plants should call police on 101.

John Marshall, who lives with his wife Maureen in Lower Marsh Lane, said: "Police come down this road about twice a day and there are always helicopters, so I was very surprised to hear where it was. But the grass there is very overgrown."

## 'Gates of Mordor' to loom over town centre approach

The approach to Kingston will "look like the gates of Mordor" if a plan to build a 16-storey high-rise goes ahead.

This was just one of the comments levelled at the latest planning application for the old post office site in Ashdown Road, likening the proposal to the malevolent gates in Tolkien's Lord of the Rings trilogy which were guarded by the Dark Lord's Orcs.

The plans were displayed by developer St George at a public exhibition. The proposals include buildings ranging from four to 16 storeys for residential use, a restaurant, office space, leisure or retail use and car parking.

Kingston Residents' Alliance (KRA) member Sharron Sumner, said: "They [the developers] confirmed that the main tower is 59 metres tall and just 60cms lower than Kingston College. I think having this new tower opposite the Kingston College tower will make the approach to Kingston look like the gates of Mordor."

Mediha Boran, also a KRA member, said: "[The] question is, is 'bad' better than 'terrible'? The current scheme must stand on its own two feet and not be compared to previous versions."

When proposals were first submitted, a tower with 21 storeys was planned before this was scaled down to 19 storeys with the current proposal reduced to 16.

Sean Bashforth, director of planning consultancy Quod, explained the changed application for client St George.

He wrote: "In response to feedback and design development, the design of the scheme has been further refined in a number of respects."

"This has resulted in alterations to the height and massing of the proposals."



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**Happy couple:**  
**Roy Whiteway**  
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# Family pays tribute to popular ex-blacksmith

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A former blacksmith died aged 91 – a year after his wife was killed in a tragic house fire in Chessington.

Roy Whiteway revisited the home in Moor Lane where he had lived with his wife Dorothy four days before he died peacefully in Epsom Hospital, where he had been admitted for a suspected stroke.

He had lived in the Chessington and Tolworth area for most of his life and his son Steve, who was with him when he died, said: "He was a character, no question about that, he was in a bit of a time warp, but we loved him for it."

Mr Whiteway trained for the RAF in Dallas and learned touch typing and shorthand.

His two main trades were as a blacksmith and as a marine engineer. He continued to blacksmith from home and built a portable forge, which he took to events.

A lover of motorbikes, Mr Whiteway would put a side car on his bike and took his family around the country.

When they all lived at home in Moor Lane, his three sons would



**Forging a career:**  
**Mr Whiteway** uses  
the portable forge  
he took to events  
to demonstrate  
his skills as a  
blacksmith

often bring friends round to get things fixed and he was always willing to help.

Mr Whiteway was still active as he grew older and would clear people's gardens for them into his 80s.

Last July, Roy's wife of 63 years, Dorothy, died in an accidental house fire.

Mr Whiteway, managing director of Epsom Coaches, said: "We took him back there [the house in Moor Lane, Chessington] about four days before he died."

"I don't know whether it gave

him some closure.

"It's sad because in his last year, just over a year since the fire, what must've been going through his mind."

He died on Sunday, September 6, and his son said: "Mum and dad were really a part of the community, I've had so many cards. I think most people will remember them as always smiling, always happy to help anyone and always generous."

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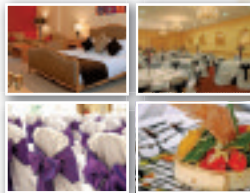
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## Officers have solved just 12% of all burglaries

Kingston police have successfully worked to reduce burglaries, but 88 per cent of reported burglaries in the borough remain unsolved.

Figures from the Metropolitan Police between July 2014 and July 2015 found only 12 per cent of the 973 domestic and non-domestic burglaries reported had been solved.

But the report, released last month, also showed Kingston had the second highest detection rate of all 32 London boroughs.

Chief Superintendent Glenn Tunstall said: "We recognise and address the need to keep burglary at the top of our policing agenda and have invested a vast amount of resource to tackling the issue."

"Over the past three years alone, we have continually reduced the number of burglary offences, which equates to 376 fewer victims of this crime."

"Kingston borough remains one of best performing boroughs in respect of all burglary sanction detection rates, and we are committed to delivering the best possible service to all victims of burglary."

London Assembly member Murad Qureshi, said: "The fact that 88 per cent of burglaries are going unsolved in Kingston shows that London's police service is already being stretched to the limit."



## Two brothers arrested after acid attack

Two Old Malden brothers and a woman have been arrested on suspicion of attacking a mother-of-six with acid.

Billy Midmore, 22, and Geoffrey Midmore, 26, of Sheephouse Way, were arrested in Kent 10 days after an attack on Cara Whitlock that left her with "life-changing" injuries.

A 33-year-old woman has also been arrested.

The arrests, which were made at Wollaston Close in Rainham at about 10.50pm, September 28, came hours after a £5,000 reward was offered for information.

Ms Whitlock, 37, was attacked in Guildhall Square, Southampton, on September 18 outside the



**Arrested: Midmore brothers**

Turtle Bay restaurant.

She was released from hospital earlier this week with extensive burns and may never again see out of one eye.

The arrests followed a joint operation by police in



**Attacked: Cara Whitlock may not see again out of one eye**

Hampshire and Kent. There were no charges as the Kingston Guardian went to press.

## Street pastor jailed

### GUARDIAN REPORTER

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A former Christian street pastor who used a hidden camera to record a young woman naked on at least 10 separate occasions has been jailed for nine months.

Paul Jacobs, 56, of Grand Avenue, Berrylands, appeared at Kingston Crown Court for his sentencing after pleading guilty to voyeurism at a previous hearing.

The man, who quit the voluntary organisation assisting late-night revellers in town centres, had friends and supporters in court who reacted with shock as he was jailed on Thursday, September 24.

The Kingston Guardian is unable to publish all the details of the case due to legal restrictions, but the offences date back to September 2014 and only came to light when the victim discovered a hidden camera.

Jacobs admitted his guilt during police interviews. He also admitted viewing the footage, which ranged from 20 seconds to two minutes, before deleting it. He did not upload the footage to the internet, the court heard.

Prosecutor Thom Dyke said: "During his interviews Mr Jacobs



**Sex offender: Paul Jacobs**

said he had prayed a lot and that God told him to admit what he had done and take responsibility for his actions."

Defence barrister Mr Shaw told the court: "I don't deny there is a strong case against Mr Jacobs, but that comes from the fact he made a full and frank admission at the first opportunity."

He read out a letter from a pastor at Hampton Wick Baptist Church, where Jacobs worships, in which she insisted the church was now fully aware of what he

had done, but had forgiven him.

Recorder Ian Peddie called the crime "serious and distressing", describing the victim as having suffered "a horrendous year causing her great hurt and humiliation".

He gave credit – time off his sentence – for the early plea, genuine remorse and low risk of re-offending, but said: "You have pleaded guilty to the offence of voyeurism, which is a serious offence that is done for the purpose of obtaining sexual gratification from a person who has not consented and is unaware. I accept that you have shown genuine remorse and shame for what you have done and accept that your life is in tatters, but so is hers."

"You have done work for years with homeless and disadvantaged people, you were well respected in the community. That is obvious from the many supporters you have here in court today to hear you being sentenced."

"However, the public must be made aware of the consequences of this type of crime and therefore I sentence you to nine months imprisonment which would have been 13 and a half had you not received the credit I mentioned earlier."

Jacobs must remain on the sex offenders register for 10 years.

## Head injuries

A man was left with head injuries after being attacked in New Malden following an attempted robbery. The victim, 37, escaped his three attackers in South Lane West before they could steal anything on Saturday, September 19, at about 2am.

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**Planned for change:** The North Kingston Centre is earmarked for part demolition. Inset: KET chairman Peter Mayhew-Smith and headteacher Sophie Cavanagh

## Making dream reality

REPORTER

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After months of anticipation a planning application has been submitted to part demolish the long-standing North Kingston Centre to make way for the Kingston Academy.

The Richmond Road school opened its doors to 134 students as a "learning village" at the beginning of the academic year with portable cabins in the site's car park.

Kingston Educational Trust (KET), the group behind the borough's first free secondary school funded by central Government, has now put forward its proposals for a permanent building to Kingston Council.

Plans include building a 6,537sq m extension for classroom space, a multi-use games area, 82 front parking spaces, widened pedestrian and cycle access routes and

a sports hall.

Kingston College principal and KET chairman Peter Mayhew-Smith said: "KET is delighted that the developers and the Government agency building the school for us have devised a great scheme."

"We believe that will make our dream of a fabulous new school for north Kingston a reality."

The North Kingston Centre was once used for the borough's adult education services, but was moved to make way for the free school almost two years ago.

Adult education services have struggled to find a permanent base since.

Christine Arnold, who attended classes at the centre, said she was "relieved" to see the free school would keep some elements of the old building in its design, such as the front facade.

She said: "From what I can see, I'm really pleased to see the main parts of the main building are going to stay."

"It's a building with a lot of character and a lot of people are very nostalgic about it."

The planning application will now go through a consultation process.

Approval is expected to take about 12 weeks and, if passed, the new building could be ready by 2017.

Kingston Liberal Democrat leader Councillor Liz Green said: "The school may be there for 50 or so years, so it will be worth spending a bit more."

"It all depends on how much they [the Government] are spending. If they are planning to do it on the cheap then it will be a problem."

Kingston Council leader Councillor Kevin Davis said: "I am pleased to see that we have got an application in. In our terms, it's just another step towards getting the school up and running."

The closing date for comments on the application on the council website is Tuesday, October 13.

## Mini-Holland's quiet beginning

Work on the first phase of Kingston's £33m mini-Holland cycling scheme has begun – although you would not realise it.

Kingston Council has started covert preparation works along Portsmouth Road so that when the main work starts in November it is not too disruptive.

The cost of the first phase more than doubled in July when planners realised building and preparation work along the stretch would be far more costly than previously thought.

Preparations include remote CCTV scanning of drains.

All of the Portsmouth Road work must be finished by August 2016 in time for the Prudential Ride London cycling race.

## In progress

Bedelsford School in Kingston is mid-way through an expansion.

Once the development is complete at the Grange Road special-needs school, pupils can enrol at two-and-a-half years old and stay on until they are 19.

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### 'Christmas tree forest' of cannabis plants found near railway line in Surbiton

It's not a cannabis forest. It is Left Ganderson's herb patch.

STEVE C

### 'They are an institution': Kingstonian's fight to stay in the Kingston borough as

### Kingsmeadow sale gathers pace

As an AFC Wimbledon supporter I wish Kingstonian every success in their efforts to stay at Kingsmeadow. I would hope that AFC put some proviso in any sale to safeguard this, but as we are talking Chelsea here anything can happen. Kingstonian and AFC are football clubs. Chelski are just a Russian owned business.

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# Historic trams and car are in the frame

The picture (Where was this first tram setting off from?, September 18) in your sister title the Surrey Comet was taken on March 1, 1906 at the Hampton Wick side of Kingston Bridge with Alderman HC Minnitt at the controls of the first electric tram to enter Kingston.

Two more decorated trams followed on the right with another car on the left waiting on the spur to Hampton Court used by

service 71 – the longest-used route numbers in the Kingston area. The inspection cover shown still exists in Surbiton and probably a lot more can be seen at Fulwell bus garage, which was the depot for supplying most of Kingston's tram and trolleybus services.

The last tram to be seen in the old borough of Surbiton was exhibited at Chessington Zoo from 1952 until 1964, when it was

transferred to Carlton Coalville tram and trolleybus museum near Lowestoft. Anyone wishing to see a London trolleybus should visit the London Bus Museum at Brooklands on Sunday, October 18, when trolleybus 1812 should be on display. This vehicle was exported to Spain and returned to UK in 1977 where it has been restored for left-hand drive.

G BURNELL  
 Surbiton

## Policy of 'wearing us down' over tower plan

As you will have seen from Tower Views in your sister title the Surrey Comet (September 18), an article illustrated with a true, but thoroughly misleading, picture provided by the developers, no progress has been made towards a humane development on the Old Post Office site.

This is the third attempt to submit a variation of the original

flawed scheme. It seems as if there is a policy to try to wear us down. The consultation officially comes to an end on October 2. If you want to save our town, write to development control at Guildhall or your councillor.

It is pointless going back again and again to the same deeply flawed scheme.

There is a very strong local

opposition to the tower block, and merely snipping a bit off the top does not in any way resolve the issue. A totally new design following the letter and spirit of the Eden Quarter Development Brief SDP November 2014 needs to be undertaken if Kingston is not to be ruined forever.

GEORGE ROME INNES  
 Via email



Kingston Bridge by night last week, taken by Tracy Varndell. To see your photo featured in Borough View, email it with details of where you took it to [ndewjl@london.newsquest.co.uk](mailto:ndewjl@london.newsquest.co.uk).

## Hark back to the trams

It was the very first tram to run (Where was this first tram setting off from? September 18).

Pomp and ceremony at Kingston as the mayor pilots car 320 in the inaugural run on March 1, 1906. The trams run up to 1931, when trolley buses took over.

DENNIS R PEASE  
 New Malden

## Spreading peace in schools

September 21 was the UN's international day of peace and during the past couple of weeks members of Kingston Peace Council have visited local schools to speak to pupils about the importance of peace in the world.

A total of 11 schools, both primary and secondary, have been visited (plus seven more in the borough of Richmond) and talks were given to school assemblies or groups of students.

We are very pleased to have more secondary schools on our list this year and we have made a presentation which looks at some of the underlying causes of war and alternative ways of dealing with conflict. These issues are now part of the GCSE course for religious studies and though, of course, we are not saying we have the answers we feel we can make a contribution to the discussion.

We were particularly pleased that Kingston and Surbiton's recently elected MP James Berry was able to join us at the assembly held at Christ Church Primary School, Surbiton, on September 18.

Mr Berry spoke about his personal involvement at the UN and encouraged all pupils to make their homes and school peaceful places.

The international day of peace has a really local pedigree as it was originally the idea of a Richmond resident and filmmaker Jeremy Gilley who succeeded in getting the UN to adopt the concept.

A measure of his success is that this year, for the first time, Google featured Peace Day on its home page, spreading the message to its 1.17bn users.

PHILLIP COOPER  
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@CllrLizGreen

Good to see the grass verge cutting in Berrylands this morning. Was starting to look like a jungle out there!

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**Katey Barrington**

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**MAFF BROWN**

With Sir Trevor Nunn's *The Wars of the Roses* delighting audiences in Kingston, television presenter **ANGELICA BELL** went down the Rose Theatre to chat to one of its stars, her friend Rufus Hound...

**Angellica Bell: So this is all a bit different from TV.**

Rufus Hound: TV is all about turning up and getting it done, but with theatre, it's a bit more real and a bit more honest. TV is more about the moment but theatre is about a real discipline to the storytelling.

**AB: How did you catch the acting bug?**

RH: I have always wanted to be an actor growing up but knew I was too lazy to go to acting school so ventured out into the big bad world to see what would happen.

**AB: How do you make that**

**transition to Shakespeare?**

RH: It's not such a big leap as you think. I did Shakespeare at school and I've always loved it. I just want to be part of the stories I love most.

**AB: Have you found that because you are a well-known face, there's a perception made limiting what you can or can't do?**

RH: To a certain extent, but it's about what you're prepared to do to show you're serious. What I was able to do was a little play at the Soho Theatre and from that prove that I had enough chops to be offered other parts and here I am now.

**AB: How did Trevor Nunn get you on board?**

RH: The offer was always for a company member and it was an opportunity to really stretch myself playing different characters. It was about learning and being around some truly brilliant actors.

**AB: What parts are you playing?**

RH: Across the three shows I play Bedford, Bolingbroke, Cade and Rivers. It's a good mix.

**AB: Do you ever get nervous?**

RH: No. I've seen nerves do worse things to people than you can imagine. Once you start overthinking it or get a hang-up about a certain moment, it will tire you in the most poisonous way.

**AB: Our readers will be pleased to hear you were raised in Surrey and now live locally to Kingston...**

RH: I moved to Woking when I was seven and also lived in West Byfleet. I didn't hang out in Kingston much but remember my mum saying we had to get to John Lewis.

**AB: Performing at the Rose Theatre must feel extra special seeing as it's so close to home?**

RH: I first performed here as a stand-up comedian and now I'm back as part of this incredible trilogy. To bring this production here and attract the talent they have speaks volumes.

● **Rufus Hound appears in *The Wars of the Roses* at Rose Theatre, Kingston, until October 31. Visit [rosetheatrekingston.org](http://rosetheatrekingston.org).**

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● Friday, October 23 – People's Run 2 Remember 5k at Battersea Park. £16. Go to [peoplesrun2remember.com](http://peoplesrun2remember.com).

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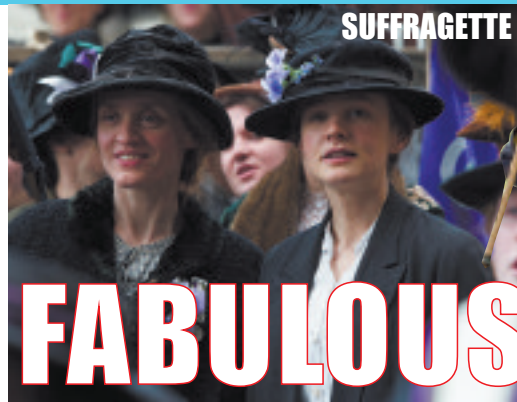
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## FABULOUS FILM

The British Film Institute's London Film Festival – the country's biggest celebration of film – is making a star-studded return on October 7.

Stars such as Meryl Streep, Benedict Cumberbatch and Michael Fassbender will all fly in as some of the year's biggest movies get the red carpet treatment in the capital.

There's a packed schedule, with 240 feature and short films over the course of 12 days at cinemas in central London and a few further out – including the Ritzy in Brixton. We picked out some of the films which use London as their backdrop.

**Suffragette:** Given the prestigious festival-opening slot, Suffragette gets its European premiere at London Film Festival. It was made by British women (directed by Sarah Gavron) about the British women who changed the course of history. It traces the story of foot soldiers of the early feminist

movement as they fought for the right to vote. Carey Mulligan stars alongside Ben Whishaw, Chiswick's Anne-Marie Duff and Meryl Streep as Emmeline Pankhurst.

**The Lady in the Van:** Director Nicholas Hynter and writer Alan Bennett team up once again, having worked together on The Madness of King George and The History Boys, to bring Bennett's play to the screen. In 1960s London, Alex Jennings plays Bennett whose driveway becomes home to a lady (Maggie Smith) who lives in a van.

**Public House:** Film-maker Sarah Turner's documentary about the community action to save the Ivy House pub in Peckham is premiered. It's described as an



exhilarating participatory opera where verbatim testament is turned into folk operatic form.

**Elstree 1976:** When George Lucas began work on a mysterious project named Star Wars in North London back in 1976, no one could have predicted how it would go on to shape cinema as we know it, least of all the legions of on-screen extras. In this documentary, which gets its world premiere at London Film Festival, we meet 10 bit-part players who appeared in the movie and how it affected their lives.

● The BFI London Film Festival runs from October 7 to 18. Go to [bfi.org.uk/fff](http://bfi.org.uk/fff).



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**1) Clear out the gutters and drains:** Clearing out gutters and drains may not seem like the most appealing or enjoyable task to do in the house, but it is one of the most essential. Leaving natural debris such as leaves and mud inside piping and drains can lead to water build up, especially in England's winter, which is pretty much constant rain. Make sure all pipelines, gutters and drains are fully cleared out to prevent any kind of water damage this winter.

**2) Get insulation:** Throughout the hotter months, insulation may have never crossed your mind due to the sun beaming through the big windows and making it feel like a sauna. However, now that the days are getting colder, you'll suddenly start to feel a much colder temperature flow throughout your home. This is where proper insulation can help. Insulation basically keeps in the heat, not letting much escape through the ceilings. Not only does this warm the house up, but also

saves you around £120 per year on your energy bill.

**3) Take a look at your energy provider:** Throughout the Summer, it is likely you haven't turned on the heating, apart from maybe the odd few times you needed to quickly dry a piece of washing. With this in mind, the type of energy plan your household is on may not be fit for the winter. Rates from the summer may well be higher than Winter as energy providers know you won't be using it as much, and this it is very important to check this before using more energy.

**4) Double check your windows and doors:** Nobody likes a cold breeze, and even more so in the Winter. People often come to the conclusion that a window must be open when feeling a through draft in the house, however, these drafts could well be coming from small cracks left in window skirting boards, or even the gaps between the door and its frame. Before winter is here, just test all of your windows and doors to double check no cold air can get in.

**5) Heat up the atmosphere:** As much as we have discussed the practical elements to preparing your home for winter, it is also just as essential to create a warmer

## PREPARE FOR WINTER



atmosphere, in order to make the Winter as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. In order to do this, look to switch up the furnishings in your home.

Summer months tend to see brighter decor, using colours such as white, lime greens and yellows. You may want to switch the brighter

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To live up to the Superlight name, the special edition has carbon fibre wings, nose cone and a minimal aeroscreen in place of a windscreen. The bodywork is finished in bare aluminium, just like the original Superlight, as it saves 6kg in weight by not using paint.

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## Onslow-Cole steps into the unknown

New Malden race ace Tom Onslow-Cole takes a step into the unknown in Turkey this week, writes Stuart Amos.

The 28-year-old, right, is set to race an Olsbergs MSE-run RX Lites car at the FIA World Rallycross Championship weekend, starting in Istanbul

on Friday.

"I'm confident I'll be quick on the tarmac, but racing on the loose is something new," he said.

"From what I can see, it's a very strategic sport and that's where the races are won and lost."

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**Determined: Surbiton's Sarah Haycroft**

## Haycroft pressing for return

Surbiton Ladies skipper Sarah Haycroft might have missed out on being part of England's EuroHockey winning squad, but she insists competition for places is only good for the team's Olympic hopes, writes Stuart Amos.

The 24-year-old had to watch from England's training base at Bisham Abbey as clubmates Georgie Twigg, Hollie Webb and Giselle Ansley helped their country claim gold with victory over Holland at the Olympic Park last month.

But Haycroft, who is back in harness with her club for the current WHL Premier Division campaign, believes all the players who missed out will be working hard to make the plane bound for Brazil next year.

"All of the girls who were back at our base Bisham Abbey, training hard, are delighted for the team, but equally desperate to earn a place in the squad for the forthcoming tournaments and ultimately the Olympics," said the former Kingston Grammar School student.

"It is a strange dynamic, but one that just comes with the territory of elite sport."

"We love our team-mates, but equally want to beat them to a place in the team. We build team cohesion yet compete directly for places."

"However, having healthy competition and such strength in depth as a squad, only makes us stronger as a nation and helps the tournament team win medals."

● Jo Hunter's double and other goals from Jenna Woolven, Sarah Page and Charlotte Calnan secured a first WHL Premier Division win of the season for Surbiton on Saturday as they beat Buckingham 5-0 at Sugden Road.

They host Canterbury, who are yet to conceded a goal this term, tomorrow.



**Coming at you from all angles: Corinthian Casuals' Danny Dudley, centre, turns to celebrate opening the scoring for his team with a neat volley at King George's Field on Saturday**

Picture: Stuart Tree

Corinthian Casuals boss James Bracken has warned Ryman Division One South rivals his side are more than just a one-man team, writes Stuart Amos.

Casuals, who were in action at home to Sittingbourne on Tuesday, moved up to second in the table with a 3-1 win over

Chipstead on Saturday, which featured an eighth goal of the campaign for striker Emmanuel Akokhia.

Danny Dudley and Josh Uzun had put their side 2-0 up before Akokhia added the third as Casuals passed the 20 league goal mark for the season after 12 matches.

They conceded as they

went in search of more goals, to the frustration of Bracken, but the manager reckoned he was pleased with his team's all-round goal threat.

"It's vitally important to get goals across the park," he said.

"If you have a team with one goalscorer, you are

always worried if they go down with a knock or if he's unavailable.

"With us, it doesn't matter if we're missing two players from our front-line as I'm still confident the players that go out there will score."

Casuals host Three Bridges in the FA Trophy on Saturday.

## THE VERDICT: Inns says Ks pose more of an attacking threat

# Ks goal rush

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Skipper Alan Inns has revealed Kingstonian are likely to concede more goals this season as they go in search of more wins.

Ks crashed out of the FA Cup 2-0 at Southern League Premier Division side Dunstable Town on Saturday, but followed that up with an impressive 1-0 win over Hendon in the league on Monday night.

The triumph means boss Tommy Williams' side have exactly the same number of points - 20 - after 12 Ryman Premier League games as they did at the same stage last season.

Crucially they have scored four more goals and have won more games to be level on points with fifth placed Tonbridge Angels ahead of the midweek fixtures.

Ks drew a whopping 13 matches last season and would have secured a play-off place had they turned just three of those stalemates into victories.

"We are more expansive this season and the emphasis has been more on going forward than defending this season," said Inns.

"You are always going to concede more goals, but when you look at where the goals have come from this season, they have come from different parts of the pitch."

Ks missed out on a £4,500 payday after defeat in Bedfordshire - a loss the club can ill-afford with question marks remaining over Kingstonian's future.

More than 350 people - including former Ks Wayne Finnie, Jon Coke, Julian Sills and Jamie Beer - have signed a petition to Kingston Council urging them to help keep the club in the borough.

No current players, staff members or directors have added their support so far.

Inns says the players are refusing to be distracted by the situation, which will see Ks leave Kingsmeadow in 2017.

"We can't do anything about it," he added,

"We have to get on with what we're doing and leave the board to it."



**Welcome back: Brendan Murphy-McVey**

Brendan Murphy-McVey, recalled from a loan spell at Tooting & Mitcham United, netted the late winner against Hendon in front of 285 fans at Kingsmeadow

on Monday.

While the match also featured a debut for ex-Woking striker Reece Beckles, signed as a free agent hours before kick off.

## SPORTSbrief



**RUGBY UNION:** Kingston got their Surrey Division One campaign up and running at the expense of league new boys and near neighbours Old Emanuel on Saturday. Kingston, in action above, sneaked a 16-8 win for their first win of the new campaign. Kingston head to Old Cranleighans this week, while Old Emanuel host Law Society.



**HOCKEY:** Surbiton's Alan Forsyth, above, netted his eighth goal in three Men's Hockey League Premier Division matches to help his side to a third successive league win on Saturday. Forsyth's efforts sandwiched Andy Hayward's first open play goal for the club as head coach Todd Williams' men won 3-2 at Beeston to remain joint top of the table with Holcombe. They host Canterbury at Sugden Road on Saturday.

**BOXING:** Kingston's Anthony Ayinde, 24, faces the biggest fight of his brief career when he takes on Queensbury League regional welterweight ruler Danny Stalford in the competition's Never Back Down promotion at the Millennium Effingham Park Hotel in West Sussex on October 24.

**PARKRUN:** Belgrave Harrier Taras Telkovsky clocked 16 minutes one second to win the Bushy Park parkrun on Saturday - his sixth win in as many appearances at the famous course. Annette Chase set a new personal best of 19:39 to be the first woman home.

**FOOTBALL:** Chessington & Hook United beat struggling Cove 4-1 in the Combined Counties League Premier Division on Saturday. They visit Worcester Park in the Challenge Cup this week.

**NETBALL:** Tiffin host Whitton in the London & South East Regional Netball League Division Two on Saturday. Both teams lost their opening fixtures.





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